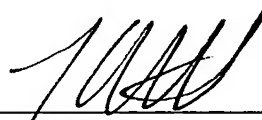


REMARKS

There remains pending in this application claims 1-30, of which claims 1, 11, 16, and 26 are independent. No claims have been added or cancelled. Applicants present herein this Amendment Under Rule 1.312 to improve the form and readability of the claims. Applicants submit that the formal changes made do not in any way alter the scope of the claims or require any substantial consideration on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, favorable consideration and entry of those amendments is respectfully sought.

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